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B. ROFA 17626 D. DIR 36514 F. ROFA 17641

HEADQUARTERS ACTION REQUIRED:

1. On 15 and 17 November 1957 the undersigned case officer met with ARCAMBISTIA 4 in Munich upon the latter's request. The following items of business were covered with ARCAMBISTIA 4:

a) ABQJOR KUPFER Funds: ARCAMBISTIA 4 had requested the meeting with the case officer primarily in order to discuss further the disposition of the circa \$33,500.00 owed him by KUBARK under the former ABQJOR/KUPFER Project (see Reference A). In reply to his inquiry in this regard, ARCAMBISTIA 4 was apprised of Headquarters approval in principle of the idea which had been proposed by him for the utilization of these funds (see Reference B). The idea forwarded by Headquarters concerning incorporation was discussed fully with ARCAMBISTIA 4. (NOTE: According to the Frankfurt Station legal officer, this would involve the creation of a foundation which, one year after its incorporation, would receive federal tax exemption from the Federal BIL.) After the merits of such a foundation were explained to him, ARCAMBISTIA 4 fully agreed with the suggestion and indicated that he was willing to proceed with its implementation. However, since according to the Frankfurt Station legal officer the foundation could not begin to receive funds until a year after its incorporation and since this was not spelled out by Headquarters, the case officer could not provide ARCAMBISTIA 4 with any definite answers as to when the funds would actually be paid by KUBARK, i.e. whether KUBARK would deposit the funds to the ARCAMBISTIA 1 NYC bank account as had been done with the ☐ insurance payment, whether the funds would continue to be held by KUBARK for the one year until after the incorporation of the foundation and the receipt of tax-exempt status or just what other arrangement would be made in this regard.

Despite the fears repeatedly expressed by Headquarters in this regard, ARCAMBISTIA 4 has made no attempt to gain personal possession of the aforementioned funds. He is allegedly extremely desirous of putting the funds to work in FRANKFURT in such a manner that the two aims described in paragraph 2 of Reference B might be achieved, to wit, the establishment of a Byelorussian memorial ☐

☐ and the acquisition of some source of funds for ARCAMBISTIA 1 activities. The impoverishment of the ARCAMBISTIA 1 organization and the absence of

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any benefactors, ABRAMOWITZ 4 feels, needs to be overcome if the ABRAMOWITZ 1 organization is to survive. Hence his proposal for the purchase of the NYC apartment building. The case officer, based on his observations and assessment of ABRAMOWITZ 4, feels relatively certain that there is no desire on ABRAMOWITZ 4's part to gain personal possession of these funds. In fact, ABRAMOWITZ 4 is just as anxious as is KIBNAK to avoid at any cost any charge from any direction that he, or any other member of the ABRAMOWITZ-1 organization, might make or has made inappropriate use of "blood money".

Particularly since upon the Reference B proposal depends the future of ABRAMOWITZ 1 and its declared activities in its avowed struggle against Communism, ABRAMOWITZ 4 fully declined to discuss in detail the proposed plan when the item of using these funds for the ABRAMOWITZ 1 newspaper was broached. Although it was inadvertently omitted from the Reference B dispatch, the case officer had discussed with ABRAMOWITZ 4 on 4 August 1957 the idea of using the ABRAMOWITZ funds for financing the Radio Madrid broadcasts which were then under discussion. ABRAMOWITZ 4 had categorically rejected this suggestion for the reason mentioned above. Despite the various arguments advanced by the case officer relative to the desirability of maintaining the continuity of the newspaper (see also paragraph 1b below), ABRAMOWITZ 4 remained adamant in his wishes to utilize the funds for the purpose already outlined by him. (NOTE: ABRAMOWITZ 4 is painfully cognizant of the fact that this payment will probably represent the last major source of income to ABRAMOWITZ 1 from KIBNAK; therefore, because of the impoverished status of ABRAMOWITZ 1, he is obliged as its chairman to make an attempt to preserve the continuity of its activities for the future by developing a source of funds.)

Relative to the establishment of the foundation, ABRAMOWITZ 4 had a whole series of questions, the answers to which the case officer could not provide to him. Among these were the following: To what extent would and could KIBNAK intervene and assist in the incorporation? Would and could KIBNAK assist in negotiating with the Federal HUD for receipt of tax-exempt status? To what extent might KIBNAK wish to cover the incorporation fees (particularly since the foundation could be used by KIBNAK in the future to fund KIBNAK sponsored activities, e.g. ABRAMOWITZ 1 newspaper, activities, etc.)?

ABRAMOWITZ 4 wishes to visit FREEMAN at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss the aforementioned, to assume personal responsibility for the incorporation of the foundation and to establish the cover for receipt of funds by the foundation. Despite his trust of [] ABRAMOWITZ 4 feels that the selection of individuals needed to sponsor the foundation, from among whom would be selected the officers for the foundation, cannot be relegated to [] ABRAMOWITZ 4 and would be obliged, understandably, to select for this task those individuals whose loyalty to ABRAMOWITZ 1, and simultaneously toward him, would be unquestionable since the future of ABRAMOWITZ 1 would then be governed by those officers. This, he feels, he cannot relegate to [] who, nonetheless, could be used to render valuable assistance but only after ABRAMOWITZ 4 will have concluded the organizing. ABRAMOWITZ 4, incidentally, feels that there would be no difficulty in establishing cover for receipt of funds by the

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Foundation. (NOTE: The Frankfurt Station legal officer confirms this since this could either be transferred to the foundation from a Swiss bank or, providing KUBARK assisted with the incorporation, the funds could originate as a "donation" from e.g. J.D. Rockefeller.)

b) ARMENIUM-1 Publication: From the discussion in paragraph 1a above, ARAMBUSSA & learned of the impending cut in the KUBARK ARAMBUSSA subsidy. ARAMBUSSA & understood, for the same officer's benefit, his conjecture that KUBARK evidently considers desirable the continuation of the ARAMBUSSA 1 publication. If Headquarters suggests that the ARAMBUSSA/KUBARK funds be diverted to the publication "for purposes of continuity". He emphatically indicated that any KUBARK cut, though small, would seriously paralyze the activities of ARAMBUSSA 1 inasmuch as the existence of the organization is solely dependent upon the existence of the publication. The collapse of ARAMBUSSA 1 and 2 (see also paragraph 1a below), he is certain, can be attributed to their inability to find supporters for their various newspapers which have died on innumerable occasions (although repeated attempts are being made to the present to keep the ARAMBUSSA 1 heart beating by finding new sources of funds for the newspapers). ARAMBUSSA & understood the fact that most ARAMBUSSA 1 publication employees are unskilled, that all contribute articles without remuneration, that even without KUBARK blessing the publication has achieved modest success in penetrating the Iron Curtain (see Reference c) and that ARAMBUSSA 1 and its publication could be even more effective in the USSR if other activities were undertaken within the framework of the KUBARK publication. He realistically admitted that the ARAMBUSSA 1 publication would continue to be printed, on a case a month basis if necessary, if any subsidy cuts are effected. He feels, however, that the ARAMBUSSA KUBARK subsidy, because of its modesty, is not where the KUBARK economy can should fall. He conjectured to the case officer that AIB (possibly KUBARK) subsidy of the Frankfurt SEIRA 100 conference alone cost many times the yearly ARAMBUSSA KUBARK subsidy.

c) RAIDO MADRID Broadcasts: ARAMBUSSA & was apprised of the Reference D Headquarters decision concerning the Radio Madrid Broadcasts. He made another last plea asking that KUBARK not reject underwriting the salary costs for the Byelorussian employees--which in itself would permit them to make the broadcasts. ARAMBUSSA & asked that KUBARK agree to subsidize even two script writers and accordingly reduced his budget request to \$2400.00 (representing salaries for two writers at \$100 each per month. According to him, Byelorussians in Poland and the USSR have written to Radio Madrid stating that the Polish broadcasts over Radio Madrid are heard clearly in their areas. He was told that his request would be taken under further advisement.

d) HERBIE Immigration: Because of Reference E Headquarters statements to Subject, concerning receipt of KUBARK assistance in immigrating to HERBIE, he again brought up this topic. According to ARAMBUSSA &, if he makes normal application for immigration to HERBIE, his family would all be obliged to immigrate at different times because his wife falls under the Polish immigration quota, his (age 3) son under the French citizens quota and he himself under the USSR stateless quota. Subject was urged to continue making unilateral efforts in this regard and not to expect any KUBARK assistance although he was told that his request would be taken under further advisement.

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9) ARMAC-21 ARMATINA & again brought to the case officer's attention the presence of ARMAC 2 in BERLIN (see also paragraph 10 of Attachment B to Reference F). According to Subject's HERNIE sources of information ARMAC 2 is publicly advertising to his supporters that he had obtained his visa with official AID support, that CHERT is providing official protection to his during his BERLIN trip and that, on behalf of his AID benefactor, he is recruiting Byelorussian cardinals for dispatch to the USSR. In this regard ARMATINA & turned over to the case officer a copy of a Byelorussian leaflet, which had been forwarded to him by [redacted] assuming ARMAC 2 of recruiting agents for dispatch to the USSR to the same extent that the ARMATINA 1 agents had been dispatched. The leaflet, if genuine, appears to originate from (him) ARMATINA's pro-Communist Toronto newspaper, the Byelorussian Golos, which is cited in the leaflet. ARMAC 2 has also allegedly recruited thirty BERGSTRASS of Cleveland to publish a newspaper in Europe; BERGSTRASS has already written to various editors in Europe in an attempt to recruit employees for the newspaper. Aside from the unpleasant interview Byelorussian battles which will result if the aforementioned is true, ARMATINA & expressed fears that HERNIE might have decided to back and subsidize ARMAC 2 and 2 in lieu of ARMATINA 1. An attempt was made to assure him that this was not the case (although the case officer does not know and has had no response to the queries raised concerning this in paragraph 10 of Attachment B to Reference F).

5) Vladimir GRAMOTIN: Subject informed the case officer that the Byelorussian Catholic priest, GRAMOTIN, now an American citizen, had recently made a trip to Poland in search of his parents or relatives. Prior to making his trip, however, GRAMOTIN made no attempt to coordinate this with ARMATINA 1. Nonetheless, ARMATINA 1 has obtained various items of information concerning Byelorussians in Poland and has made this available to ARMATINA 1.

6) PAUL BLOO: Subject reported that his trip to Munich was sponsored by HERNIE in conjunction with the organization of the Strasbourg conference for April 1958. He reported that the initial budget of \$25,000 has been reduced to \$14,000 which has necessitated the collection of various guests from the southwest Asian countries. ARMATINA & also reported that a letter, written to him by PAUL BLOO, a HERNIE employee, has evidently been forwarded by the RIB or his associates some into the hands of the RIB. The letter, which dealt with HERNIE approval for the publication of a PAUL BLOO bulletin and the revision of number of pages from 32 to 48, has been splashed over the Byelorussian, Ukrainian and Russian versions of the Return to the Homeland publication of the Michaelov Committee. The Return to the Homeland articles accuse ARMATINA & of being an American agent and cite proof of AID and American support of the Paris Bloc. A copy of the letter had also been sent to ARMATINA &'s Paris Bloc secretary, S. TRONASTAL.

h) HUMANE Contact in Paris: ARMATINA & reported that [redacted] did not arrange a transfer to another Paris station case officer. (NOTE: See also OPM 31790, dated 18 July 1957, and HRM 17552, dated 6 August 1957.)

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*Aug 4/58
By Special Agent
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of the Office*

*For 5/10/58
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1) Personal Income: In the course of conversation on general topics and on that of finances, ARUNACHAN & confided to the case officer, more to underscore his plight rather than in bribe-gedole, that he subsists on various gifts which he receives from his supporters primarily in England and Belgium, on the produce of his garden and his flock of chickens and on the rent he obtains from a small house which he and his nephew personally constructed to provide a source of funds. (NOTE: ARUNACHAN & is a construction engineer; he also personally built the house in which he lives in a Paris suburb.)

2. This dispatch is being forwarded in elaboration of FHEB 9043. The case officer has recorded everything accurately and as objectively as is possible. No attempt is being made to dramatize the financial straits of ARAMUNDA 1. The aforementioned represents those statements made by ARAMUNDA 4 and is based on the case officer's personal observations of ARAMUNDA 4 over the past five years. The case officer feels that ARAMUNDA 4 is genuine in his statements, is not over playing his hand, is not attempting to force any issue and that ARAMUNDA 4 is not opportunistic and is not making a play for KREANK support for personally selfish reasons alone. Of all emigre leaders who have come to the case officer's attention in the emigre milieu, the case officer honestly feels that ARAMUNDA 4 ranks high in his ideological motivation, in his aroused struggle against Communism, and his political moderation and in his personal self-effacement. ARAMUNDA 4 and his principal agents have all proven unusually amenable to KREANK guidance and control. If KREANK support of ARAMUNDA 1 and its activities was undertaken on the predication that KREANK wishes to have available for use and exploitation the ARAMUNDA 1 emigre team in the event of hot war because of the strategic location of the USSR, then some serious consideration over and above that of simple expediency, should be given to the effect that the proposed KREANK out will have on the ARAMUNDA 1 organization since the emigrating will emasculate the organization to the point where it may be of little or no further value to KREANK. We are in accord with the current KREANK economy drive but feel that the application of the same economy measure out to a small KREANK supported organization cannot be made as to a large organization with an immeasurably larger budget.